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1. Japanese Patent No. 6-181699.
2. Japanese Patent No. 7-136066.

3. Japanese Patent No. 6-189853.
4. Japanese Patent No. 11-43855.
5. Japanese Patent No. 11-107153.
6. Japanese Patent No. 9-105075.

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